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SUBJECT: NPW VISITS TO THE MEDITERRANEAN

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1. PARA 2.E IS ACCURATE STATEMENT OF CURRENT GOG ATTITUDE TOWARD NPW ACCESS TO GREEK PORTS; WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THERE WILL BE ANY ADVERSE CHANGE.

2. ATHENS/PIRAEUS HAS HANDLED SINGLE CRUISER PORT VISITS OR REPAIR CALLS FOUR TIMES IN 1977 (JANUARY, MARCH, JUNE AND JULY) WITHOUT DIFFICULTY, AND ANOTHER IS PROJECTED FOR LATE AUGUST - EARLY SEPTEMBER. WE WOULD EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO REQUEST SINGLE CGN PORT VISITS THERE AND ALSO IN KALAMATA, WHICH HAD TWO CRUISER VISITS (ONE AN NPW) IN LATE 1976, WITHOUT OVERLOADING THE CIRCUIT. VOLOS IS ALSO A GOOD POSSIBILITY.

3. AS FOR A CARRIER VISIT, REGARDLESS OF MEANS OF PROPULSION, WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT OUR EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE FREQUENCY AND LOCATION OF VISITS AND EXPAND THEIR COMPOSITION AND SIZE AT A POLITICALLY ACCEPTABLE PACE WILL HAVE REACHED THAT SIGNIFICANT STAGE DURING THE NIMITZ DEPLOYMENT. THERE HAVE BEEN NO CARRIER VISITS TO GREECE SINCE THE ABORTIVE ATTEMPT AT RHODES IN MAY 1976. THE ONLY OTHER FEASIBLE CARRIER PORTS, IN TERMS OF ABILITY TO ABSORB SIZABLE LIBERTY PARTIES, ARE ATHENS AND THESSALONIKI. WE
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HAVE RAISED WITH THE GOG THE POSSIBILITY OF INITIATING CALLS THIS FALL AT THESSALONIKI FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1974. IF A VISIT IS ARRANGED, OF A SMALL COMBATANT AT FIRST, THE REACTION WILL BE A GOOD INDICATOR OF HOW SOON IN 1978 LARGER SHIP VISITS CAN BE CONTEMPLATED. ATHENS, HOWEVER, REMAINS UNDESIRABLE BECAUSE OF THE HIGH VISIBILITY OF A PHALERON BAY ANCHORAGE (SHADES OF HOMEPORTING) AND THE RESIDUAL SENSITIVITIES OF SOME OF THE LOCAL POPULACE. NEVERTHELESS, WE HAVE TOLD THE GOG THAT WE HOPE EVENTUALLY TO HAVE CARRIERS VISIT GREEK PORTS AGAIN AND THAT OUR EFFORTS ARE SO AIMED.
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